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SUMMARY This note is the fifth of a series covering an investigation of a number of related airfoils. It presents the results obtained from tests of a group of six low-cambered airfoils in the variable-density wind tunnel. The mean eamber lines are identical for the six airfoils and are of such a form that the maximum mean camber is 2 per cent of the chord and is at a position 0.4 of the chord behind the loading edge. The airfoils differ in thickness only, tho maximum-thickness/chord ratios being 0.06, 0.09, 0.12, 0.15, 0.18, and 0.21. The results have been presented in the form of both infinite and finite aspect-ratio charac-

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INTRODUCTION

A large number of related airfoils are being tested in the variable-density wind tunnel of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics with a view to establishing the relation between the geometric and the aerodynamic characteristics of airfoils at a high value of the Roynolds Number. The method employed to develop the airfoils having varying geometric properties is described in detail in references 1 and 2. Briefly, the profiles are obtained by combining cortain thickness forms (reference

1) with several related mean camber line forms (reference 2). The airfoils are designated by a number of four digits: the first indicates the maximum mean camber, the second the position of maximum mean camber, and the last two the maximum thickness.

Preliminary results already published include those for the six symmetrical N.A.C.A. airfoils, the OO series (reference 1); and those for 36 cambered airfoils, the 43 and 63 series (reference 2), the 45 and 65 series (reference 3), and the 44 and 64 series (reference 4),

The results thus far obtained, some of which have not been published, indicate that low-cambered airfoils are generally the most efficient. The values of $\frac{C_L}{C_D}$ max for the low-cambered airfoils reported herein o min (24 series) are among the highest thus far obtained and the minimum profile-drag coefficients are approximately equal to those for the symmetrical series of corresponding thickness.

The data for the 24-series airfoils are therefore presented in this report in a more complete form than that proviously used. For the convenience of the designer and also to facilitate comparisons between these and other airfoil data, the results are presented in the standard graphical form.

DESCRIPTION OF AIRFOILS

The 24-series airfoils were derived by combining six related profile thickness forms (reference 1) with one form of mean camber line. The combination was made by the method described in reference 2. The form of the 24-series mean camber line is given by the following equations:

From x = 0 to x = 0.4 From x = 0.4 to x = 1 $y_{c} = \frac{2}{160} (8x - 10x^{2}) \qquad y_{c} = \frac{2}{180} (1 + 4x - 5x^{2})$

The resulting ordinates for the airfoils are given in Tables I to VI, and the profiles are shown in Figure 1.

In addition to those tables of basic ordinates, the familiar form of ordinates, which were obtained at the standard stations, are tabulated in Figures 5 to 10, together with outline drawings of the profiles. From the basic ordinates, 5 by 30 inch duralumin airfeils were made as described in reference 1, and were used for the tests.

. TESTS AND RESULTS

Routine tests of the six airfoils were made in the variable-density wind tunnel at a Reynolds Number of approximately 3,000,000. Measurements were taken of the lift, drag, and pitching moment about the quarter-chord. A description of the tunnel and of the method of testing is given in reference 1.

The results have been given as coefficients corrected, after the method of reference 5, to give airfeil characteristics for infinite aspect ratio and aspect ratio 6. Tables VII to XII present: lift coefficient C_L , angle of attack for infinite aspect ratio α_0 , profile-drag coefficient C_{D_0} , and pitching-moment coefficient about a point one-quarter of the chord behind the leading edge $C_{m_C/4}$. These data are plotted in Figures 2, 3, and 4. The characteristics for aspect ratio 6 are given in Figures 5 to 10 in which are plotted the lift coefficient C_L , drag coefficient C_D , L/D ratio, and center-of-pressure position for each airfeil.

DISCUSSION

The airfoil characteristics are discussed with respect to their variation with thickness and also with respect to lift or angle of attack. This discussion is given briefly as it follows the general procedure of references 1 to 4. In addition to this discussion, the relative merits of these airfoils are shown by means of a table of the characteristics usually employed for this purpose.

Variation of the aerodynamic characteristics with thickness. The variation of the minimum profile-drag coefficient with maximum thickness is shown in Figure 11. In this figure are plotted the values taken from the

faired profile-drag curves (fig. 2) and the curve expressed by the equation

$$c_{D_0 \text{ min}} = 0.0065 + 0.0083t + 0.0972t^2 + 16$$

relating the minimum profile-drag coefficient (c_{D_0}) and the maximum-thickness/chord ratio (t). (Reference 2.) This equation, without the term k, was developed in reference 1 to express the minimum drag of the symmetrical series airfoils. For the 24-series airfoils the value of the constant k, which depends on the camber, becomes negligible.

As with the previously tested airfoils, the sections of moderate thickness give the highest maximum lift coefficients. A table of these coefficients taken from Figure 3 is given below:

Airfoil ,	CL. max
2406	1.01
2409	1.51
2412	1.59
2415	1.55
2418	1.43
2421	1.35

The variation of the slope of the lift curve with thickness is shown in Figure 12. The points on the figure represent the slopes as measured in the angle-of-attack range near minimum profile drag for an infinite-span wing.

The pitching-moment coefficients at zero lift are given in the following table:

<u>Airfoil</u>	Cmo
2406	-0.039
2409	044
2412	042
2415	040
2418	038
2421	036

The variation of the ratio $\frac{c_{L \ max}}{c_{D_{O \ min}}}$ with maximum

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thickness is shown in Figure 13. It is interesting to note that the N.A.C.A. 2409 gives a value of 189 for this ratio, the highest value that has been obtained for any airfoil thus far tested in this tunnel.

Variation of the aerodynamic characteristics with lift or angle of attack.— The variation of the profiledrag coefficient with lift coefficient is shown in Figure 2, and the variation of the additional profiledrag coefficient (CDO - CDO min) with lift is shown in Figure 14. In the latter figure is plotted the curve given by the previously used equation (reference 2),

$$c_{D_o} = c_{D_o \text{ min}} + o.0062 (c_L - c_{L \text{ opt}})^{2}$$

where C_L opt is the optimum-lift coefficient defined as the value of the lift coefficient corresponding to minimum profile drag. Reference to the figure shows that this expression holds very well for the present series.

The optimum lift coefficients for the 24-series airfoils are given in the following tables

Airfoil	CL opt
2406	0.23
2409	.19
2412	.16
2415	.12
2418	•09
2421	.05

The variation of the pitching-moment coefficient with angle of attack is shown in Figure 4. As discussed in the proceding publications, the moment is not constant about the quarter-chord point but tends to be constant about a point displaced forward from it as indicated in the following table:

	Displacement		
<u>Airfoil</u>	(per cent of chord)		
2406	0.6		
2409	.6		
2412	.7		
2415	.8		
2418	1.1		
2421.	1.4		

Comparison of the airfoils.— The airfoil characteristics may be most conveniently compared by means of the following table, compiled from the data in the preceding tables and in the curves, giving the characteristics usually employed for this purpose:

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Airfoil	CL max	^C Do min	C _L max C _{Do mi} n	Cmo moment coeff. at zero	A.R. 6 C _D minimum	A.R. 6 D maximum	0.15 chord	0.65 chord	CL max	1/4 C _{L, max}
•		,		900		<u> </u>	Per	cent hord	Per c	cent lord
2406	1.01	0.0070	145	-0.039	0.0072	25.0	5.3	4.1	36	40
2409	1.51	.0080	189	044	.0081	23.2	8.0	6.2	28	36
2412	1.59	.0090	177	042	.0091	21.9	10.7	8.3	28	35
2415	1.55	.0099	156	- •040	.0099	20.8	13.4	10.3	28	35
2418	1.43	.0112	128	038	.0112	19.4	16.1	12.4	28	34
2421	1.35	.0127	106	036	.0127	17.9	18.8	14.5	29	34

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TABLE I
Ordinates for Airfoil N.A.C.A. 2406
(Dimensions in per cent of chord)

Upper surf	ace	Lower s	urface
Station	Ordinate	Station	Ordinato
	-	0	0
1.159	1.066	1.341	-0.820
2.378	1.543	2.622	-1.059
4.845	2.240	5.155	-1.302
7.330	2.772	7.670	-1.414
9.825	3.210	10.175	-1.460
14.833	3.887	15.167	-1.449
19.857	4.365	20.143	-1.365
29,925	4.875	30.075	-1.125
40.000	4.901	40.000	901
50.029	4.592	49.971	704
60.051	4.059	59.949	503
70.061	3.331	69,939	→ . 331
80.058	2.421	79.942	199
90.040	1.334	89.960	112
95.025	.724	94.975	086
100.004	•063	99.996	063
L.E. radius	•394		
Slope of radius passing through end of chord	2/20		

TABLE II

Ordinates for Airfoil N.A.C.A. 2409
(Dimensions in per cent of chord)

Upper su	ırface	Lower s	urface
Station	Ordinate	Station	Ordinate
	_	Ó	0
1.113	1.537	1.387	-1.291
3. 317	2.193	2,683	-1.709
4.768	3,127	5.232	-2.189
7.245	3.819	7.755	-2.461
9,737	4.379	10.263	-2.629
14.750	5.222	15.250	-2.784
19.785	5.800	20.215	-2.800
29.887	6.376	30.113	-2.626
40.000	6.351	40.000	-2.351
50.044	5.915	49.956	-2.027
60.076	5.200	59.924	-1.644
70.092	4.246	69.908	-1.246
80.087	3,075	79.913	853
90.060	1.696	89.940	- 474
95.037	.923	94.963	285
100.006	•095	99.994	- •095 °
L.E. radius	.887		
Slope of radius passing through end of chord	2/20		

TABLE III

Ordinates for Airfoil N.A.C.A. 2412
(Dimensions in per cent of chord)

Upper	surface	Lower	surface
Station	Ordinate	Station	Ordinate
-	- .	0	0
1.067	2.009	1,433	-1.763
2,256	2.845	2.744	-2,361
4.690	4.013	5.310	-3.075
7.160	4.865	7.840	-3.507
9,650	5.545	10.350	-3.795
14.667	6.554 -	15.333	-4.116
19.713	7.231	20.287	-4.231
29.850	7.875	30.150	-4.125
40.000	7.803	40,000	-3.803
50.059	7.238	49.941	-3.350
60.101	6.340	59.899	-2.784
70.122	5.163	69.878	-2.163
80.116	3,729	79.884	-1.507
90.080	2.058	89.920	836
95.049	1.124	94.951	- 486
100.008	•126	99.992	126
L.E. radius	1.576		
Slope of radius passing through end of chord	2/20		

TABLE IV

Ordinates for Airfoil M.A.C.A. 2415
(Dimensions in per cent of chord)

Upper surface Lower surface				
Station	Ordinate	Station	Ordinate	
	-	0	0	
1.022	2.480	1.478	-2.234	
2,195	3.496	2.805	-3.012	
4.612	4.898	5.388	-3.960	
7.075	5.912	7.925	-4.554	
9.562	6.715	10.438	-4.965	
14.583	7.889	15.417	-5.451	
19,642	8.663	20.358	-5.663	
29,813	9.376	30.187	-5,626	
40,000	9.254	40.000	-5.254	
50.074	8.563	49.926	-4.675	
60.127	7.481	59,873	-3.925	
70.153	6.077	69.847	-3,077	
80.145	4.385	79,855	-2.163	
90.100	2.419	89.900	-1.197	
95.062	1.328	94.938	- ,690	
100.011	.158	99.989	158	
L.E. radius	2.464			
Slope of radius passing through end of chord	2/20			

TABLE V

Ordinates for Airfoil N.A.C.A. 2418
(Dimensions in per cent of chord)

Upper su	rface	Lower s	urface
Station	Ordinate	Station	Ordinate
-	_	0	0
.976	2.952	1.524	-2.706
2.134	4.145	2.866	-3.661
4.535	5.784	5,465	-4.846
6,990	6.958	8.010	-5.600
9.475	7.879	10.525	-6.129
14.500	9.224	15.500	-6.786
19.570	10.095	20.430	-7.095
29.775	10.875	30,225	-7.125
40,000	10.702	40.000	-6.702
50.088	9,886	49,912	-5.998
60.152	8.622	59.848	-5.066
70.183	6.992	69.817	-3,992
80.175	5.042	79.825	-2.820
90.121	2.781	89.879	-1.559
95.074	1.526	94.926	888
100.013	•189	99.987	189
L.E. radius	3.549		
Slope of radius passing through end of chord	2/20		

TABLE VI
Ordinates for Airfoil N.A.C.A. 2421
(Dimensions in per cent of chord)

\Dimonia.	tons in her cer		
Upper su	face	Lower s	urface
Station	Ordinate	Station	Ordinate
-	-	0	0
.930	3,424	1.570	-3.178
2.073	4.796	2.927	-4.312
4.458	6.665	5.542	-5.727
6,905	8.005	8.095	-6.647
9.387	9.046	10.613	-7.296
14.416	10.555	15.584	-8.117
19,499	11.526	20.501	-8.526
29.738	12.375	30.262	-8.625
40.000	12.155	40.000	-8.155
50.103	11.208	49.897	-7.320
60.178	9.761	59.822	-6.205
70.214	7.906	69.786	-4.906
80.204	5.697	79.796	-3.475
90.141	3.143	89.859	-1.921
95.086	1.726	94.914	-1.088
100.015	.221	99.985	221
L.E. radius	4.830		
Slope of radius passing through end of chord	2/20		

TABLE VII

Average Reynolds Number: 3,120,000

Size of model: 5 by 30 inches

Pressure, standard atmospheres: 20.7

Test No.: 665 Variable-Density Tunnel. Sept. 8, 1931.

c _r	α _o (degrees)	c _D o	°m _{c/4}
-0.483	-6.5	0.0197	-0.038
182	-3.4	.0084	040
026	-1.9	.0075	039
.131	4	.0071	039
.287	1.1	.0069	038
.437	2.6	.0077	037
. 747	5.6	.0101	039
.936	9.0	.0676	039
1.012	12.8	.1903	098
.993	16.8	.2920	145
.927	21.1	.3686	162
.902	27.1	.4838	175

TABLE VIII

Average Reynolds Number: 3,110,000

Size of model: 5 by 30 inches

Pressure, standard atmospheres: 20.8

Test No.: 666 Variable-Density Tunnel. Sept. 9, 1931

C _L ,	α _o (degrees)	c _{Do}	c _m c/4
-0.172	-3.5	0.0087	-0.045
018	-1.9	\$800.	044
. 138	4	.0080	043
.291	1.1	.0081	042
.449	2.6	.0087	041
.750	5.6	.0103	042
1.054	8.6	.0139	042
1.339	11.7	.0204	- •045
1.461	13.4	.0269	046
1.513	14.2	.0316	÷ .048
1.414	15.5	.0912	085
1.145	20.4	.3192	144
.933	27.0	.4776	167

TABLE IX

Average Reynolds Number: 3,020,000

Size of model: 5 by 30 inches

Pressure, standard atmospheres: 20.6

Test No.: 667 Variable-Density Tunnel. Sept. 9, 1931

c _L	α _ο (degrées)	c _D o	C _m c/4
-0.178	-3.4	0.0096	-0.043
026	-1.9	.0092	042
.133	4	.0090	041
.288	1.1	.0091	040
.439	2.6	.0095	039
.744	5.6	.0110	039
1.049	8.7	.0143	039
1.328_	11.8	.0201	041
1.457	13.4	.0261	04 3
1.566	15.0	.0352	043
1.589	15.8	.0422	045
1.307	19.8	.2269	113
1.003	26.8	.4189	161

TABLE X

Average Reynolds Number: 3,060,000

Size of model: 5 by 30 inches

Pressure, standard atmospheres: 20.8

Test No.: 668 Variable-Density Tunnel. Sept. 10, 1931.

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c _r	α _o (degrees)	c _{Do} .	c _{mc/4}
-0.169	-3.5	0.0104	-0.042
016	-1.9	.0100	~ .040
.136	4	•0099	039
.287	1.1	.0099	037
• 436	2.6	.0106	036
.741	5.6	.0120	034
1.030	8.7	.0153	034
1.310	11.8	.0216	036
1.431	13.5	.0270	036
1.529	15.1	.0377	039
1.545	16.4	.0631	051
1.485	17.3	<b>.10</b> 66	065
1.393	19.6	.1858	091
1.064	26.6	.3818	140

TABLE XI

Average Reynolds Number: 3,060,000

Size of model: 5 by 30 inches

Pressure, standard atmospheres: 20.8

Test No.: 669 Variable-Density Tunnel. Sept. 11, 1931

c ^T	α _ο (degrees)	c _{Do}	C_m_c/4
-0.158	<b>-3.</b> 5	0.0117	-0.039
011	-2.0	.0113	038
.142	5	.0112	036
. 293	1.1	.0115	034
.438	2.6	.0118	032
.736	5.7	.0136	030
1.020	8.8	.0173	027
1.278	11.9	.0259	028
1.433	15.4	.0639	041
1.391	17.6	.1295	063
1.354	19.7	.1855	080
1.102	26.5	.3610	125

TABLE XII

Average Reynolds Number: 3,000,000

Size of model: 5 by 30 inches

Pressure, standard atmospheres: 20.6

Test No.: 670 Variable-Density Tunnel. Sept. 11, 1931

c ^T	α _ο (degrees)	°CD°	C _m c/4
-0.171	-3.5	0.0133	-0.039
022	-1.9	.0128	036
.125	4	.0127	033
.271	1.1	.0131	031
.418	2.7	.0136	029
.698	5.8	.0160	025
.975	8.9	.0201	023
1.222	12.1	.0294	024
1.347	15.7	.0813	043
1.340	17.7	.1284	057
1.321	19.8	.1781	072
1.116	26.5	.3348	112

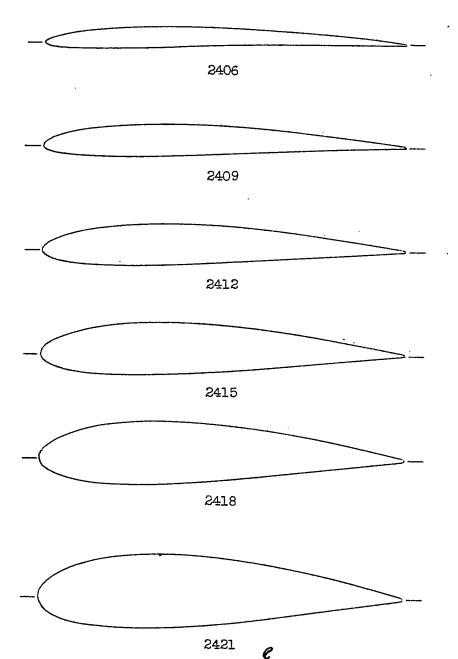
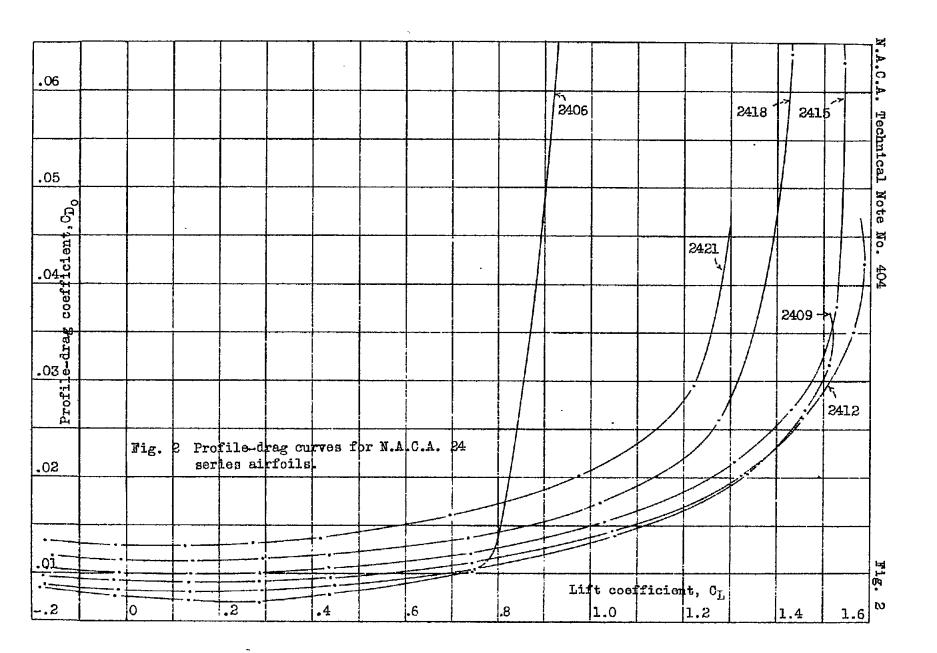


Fig. 1 N.A.C.A. airfoil profils. Series 24



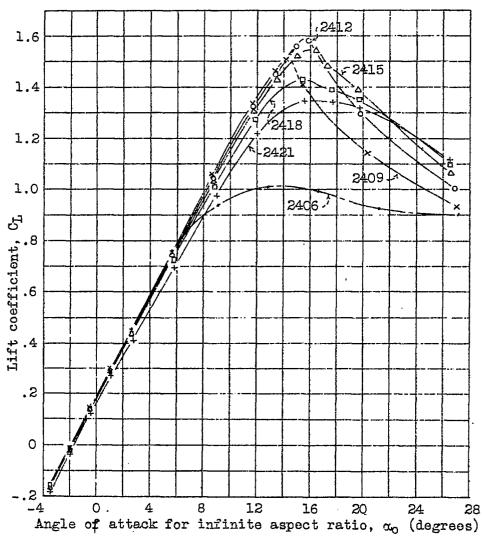


Fig. 3 Lift curves for N.A.C.A. 24 series airfoils.

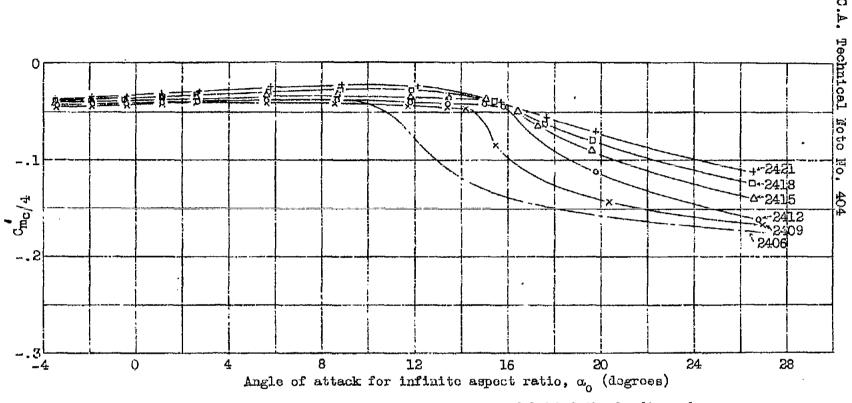
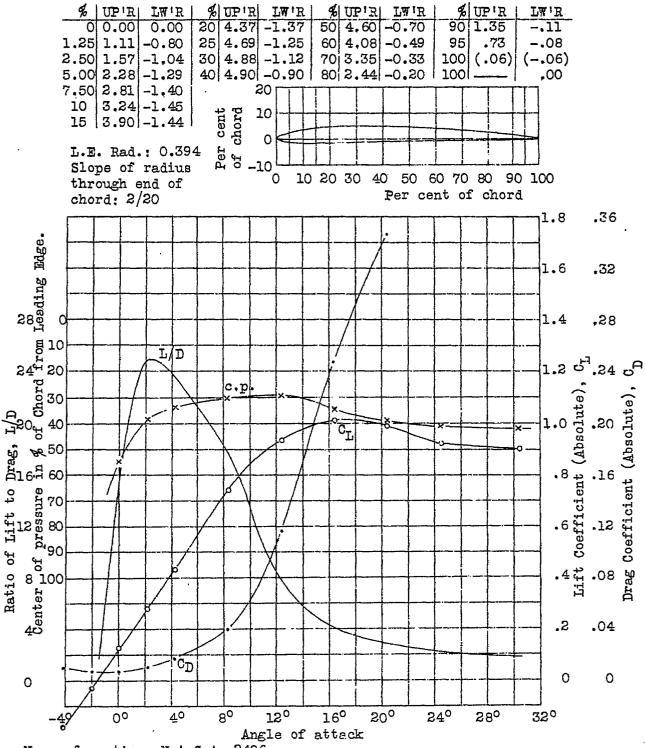


Fig. 4 Moment coefficients about a point one-quartor of the chord behind the leading edge.



Size of model: 5" x 30"

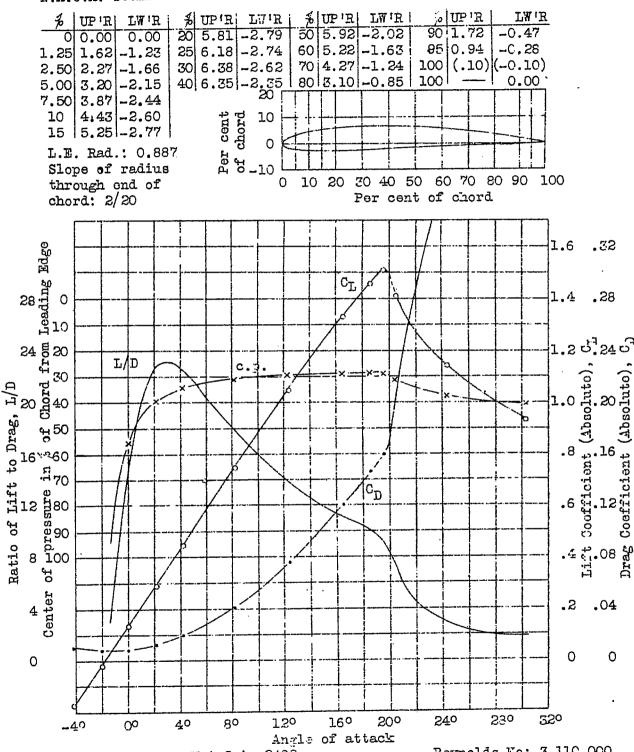
Pressure in standard atmospheres: 20.7

Wind velocity: 68.6 ft./sec.

Results corrected to aspect ratio 6 in free air.

Reynolds No. 3,120,000

Test: V.D.T. 665 Date: Sept. 8, 1931



Size of model: 5" x 30"

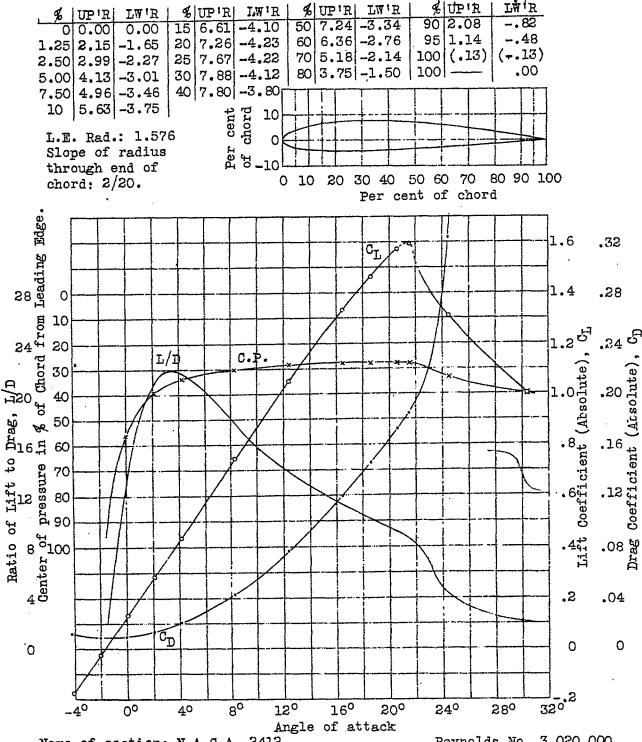
Pressure in standard atmospheres: 20.8

Wind velocity: 68.6 ft./sec.

Results corrected to aspect ratio 6 in free air.

Reynolds No: 3,110,000

Test: V.D.T. 666 Date: Sept. 9, 1931



Size of model: 5" x 30"

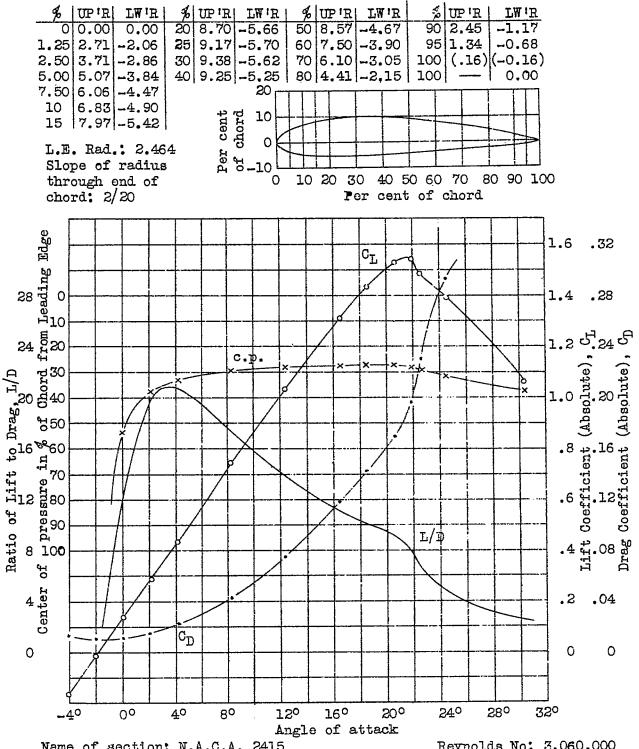
Pressure in standard atmospheres: 20.6

Wind velocity: 68.6 ft./sec.

Results corrected to aspect ratio 6 in free air.

Reynolds No. 3,020,000

Test: V.D.T. 667 Date: Sept. 9, 1931



Size of model: 5" x 30"

Pressure in standard atmospheres: 20.8

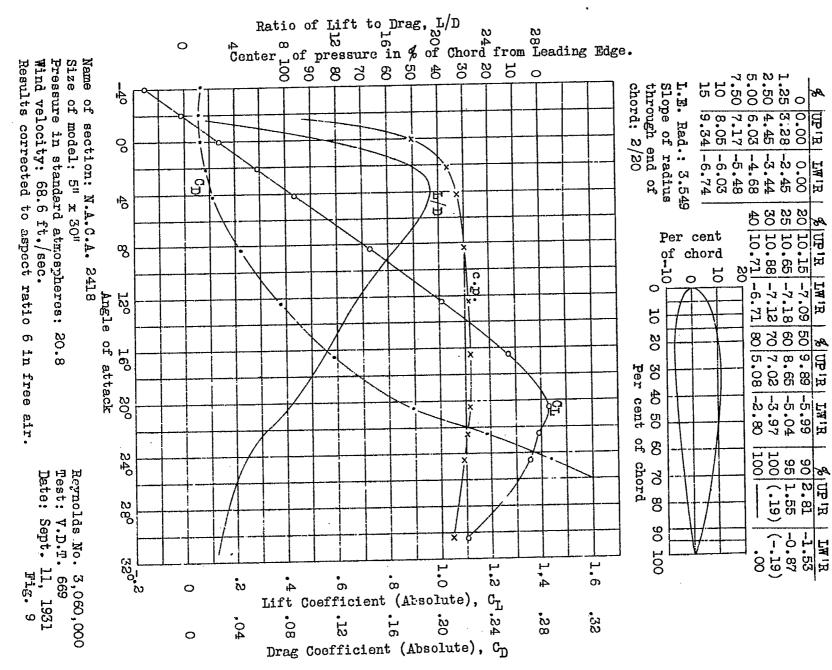
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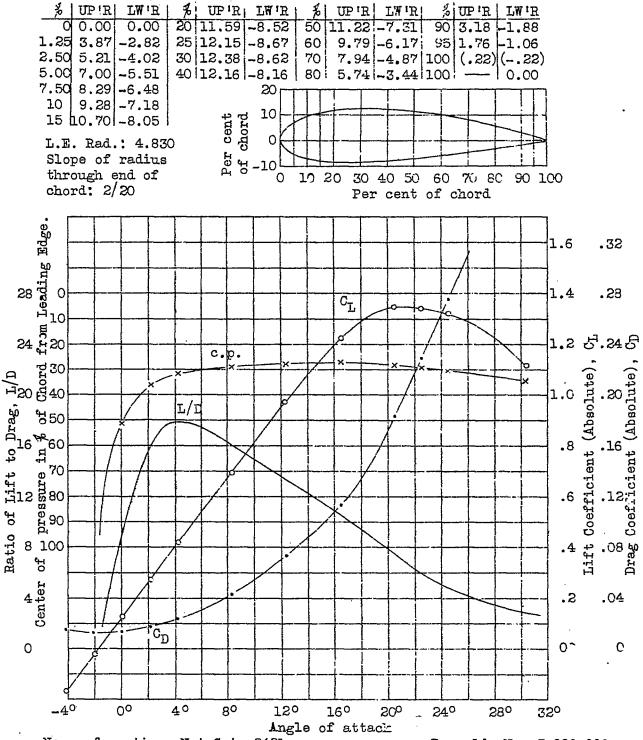
Results corrected to aspect ratio 6 in free air.

Reynolds No: 3,060,000

Test: V.D.T. 668

Date: Sept. 10, 1931





Size of model: 5" x 30"

Pressure in standard atmospheres: 20.6

Wind velocity: 68.6 ft./sec.

Results corrected to aspect ratio 6 in free air.

Reynolds No. 3,000,000

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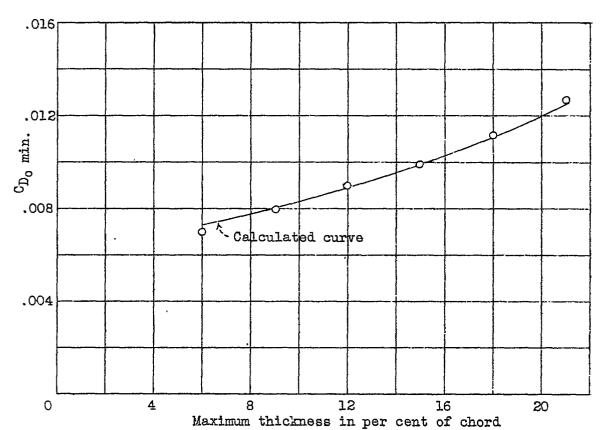


Fig. 11 Variation of minimum profile-drag coefficient with thickness

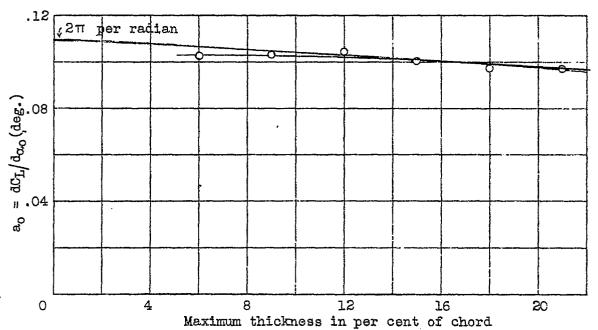


Fig. 12 Variation of lift curve slope with thickness.

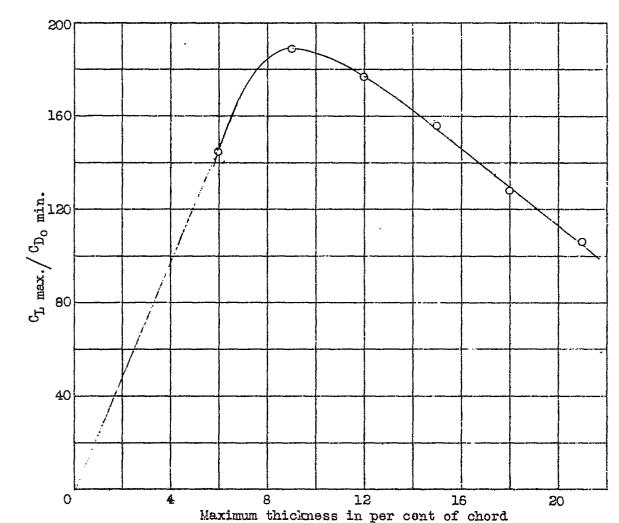


Fig. 13 Ratio of maximum lift to minimum profile drag.

